Government have formulated a number of new schemes for the welfare of farmers in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) by when the same are likely to be introduced; and

(d) to what extent farmers are likely to be benefited as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) to (d) Some of the important new schemes which have bearing on the Welfare of the farmers are as follows:–

(i) Special Foodgrains Production Programme was introduced during 1988-89 in 14 States.

(ii) Under the New Policy on Seed Development effective from 1st October, 1988 the thrust is to secure for the farmer high quality seeds and increase his farm yields and income.

(iii) During 1988-89 a discount of 7.5% on the notified consumer price of urea has been allowed. To popularise the use of fertilisers, a scheme for opening additional outlets in all the 446 districts has been sanctioned.

(iv) The rates of interest on agricultural loans have been reduced with effect from 1st March, 1988.

(v) The Million Wells Scheme has been launched during 1988-89 to provide open irrigation wells free of cost of small, marginal, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes farmers who are below the poverty line.

(vi) A Group Life Insurance Scheme has also been introduced from 1st April, 1988 for Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) families which includes small and marginal farmers.

Relief to Drought Hit farm Labours of Chhattesgarh in M.P.

1271. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there had been a mass exodus of farm labours from the drought hit Chhattesgarh region in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether Government had been asked to provide help to meet the drought conditions in the region; and

(c) if so, to what extent the aid was provided by the Centre to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) According to the State Government there has been no mass exodus of farm labours from the drought hit Chhattesgarh region in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) Yes, Sir. The State Government have submitted a memorandum seeking central assistance for drought relief.

(c) A Ways and Means Advance of Rs. 10 crores has been released to the State Government for undertaking emergent relief works. An additional amount of Rs. 12.69 crores has been released under Rural Landless Labourers Employment Guarantee Programme (RLEGP) to the State for generating employment.

Mushrooming of Unauthorised Commercial Complexes in Delhi

1272. SHRI D.B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had undertaken an intensive drive to check mushrooming of unauthorised commercial complexes in the Capital;

(b) if so, by when the task of checking the mushrooming unauthorised complexes is likely to be completed and unauthorised complexes are likely to be demolished; and

(c) the action Government propose to take against those who have constructed such complexes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) There is no mushrooming of unauthorised commercial complexes. Checking of unauthorised construction by the staff of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi, the New Delhi Municipal Committee and the Delhi Development Authority in their respective jurisdiction is a continuous process and whenever such cases come to notice neccssary action under the relevant provisions of law is taken.

Transfer of Technology an Inherent part in Pepsi-co Deal

1273. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether transfer of technology is an inherent part in the deal with Pepsi-Cola; and

(b) if so, the details of the deal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) The proposed foreign collaboration by Punjab Agro Industries Corporation envisages transfer of state-of the art technology for increasing yields, developing suitable varieties of fruits, vegetables and oil seeds, introduction of improved agronomic practices, introduction of new post harvest technologies for better storage and distribution and above all for linking R&D efforts to the needs of the market and industry.

Benefits from Ties-Up with Pepsi-Co

1274. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:
SHRI P.K. KUNJACHEN:
SHRI E. BALANANDAN:
SHRI MOTURU HANUMANTHA RAO:
Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the deals with Pepsi-Cola, the US multi-national firm; and

(b) what will be the gains for the country from the deal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) M/s. Punjab Agro Indutries Corporation Limited have been granted a Letter of Intent for a joint venture in collaboration with Pepsico Inc., USA, for the manufacture of processed potato grain foods, soft drink concentrates and processed fruit and vegetable products. The project envisages setting up of an Agro Research Centre as part of the collaboration. M/s Pepsico Inc. will be allowed equity participation to the extent of 39.89%. The foreign collaboration is subject *inter alia* to the condition that the project shall export 50% of its total turn over each year for a period of ten years from the commencement of commercial production of which 40% will be from the company's own manufactured products and 10% from Select List products manufactured by others. The foreign exchange inflow shall not be less than five times the foreign exchange outflow of the project during the above mentioned ten year period. Further the turn over from soft drink concentrates manufacturing shall in no year exceed 25% of the total turn over of the company for that year. No import of preparatory ingredients to manufacture soft drink concentrates will be permitted.

(b) The foreign collaboration envisages transfer of "state-of-the-art" technology for increasing yields, developing suitabl